

budget that recycles many of the rejected Tea Party proposals from the past. Once again, Congressional Republicans are demonstrating their true priorities: providing massive tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans and corporations at the expense of Middle Class America.

This ten year Republican budget is the wrong vision for Minnesota and America. Yet again, the GOP abandons investments that ensure broad-based economic prosperity today and into the future. This budget jeopardizes the health and economic security of our seniors by re-opening the donut hole and ending the Medicare guarantee. Their proposal fails our children by making irresponsible cuts to our schools and Pell Grants, putting the dream of a college education out of reach for millions of young adults. Extreme reductions to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Social Services Block Grant, and Medicaid will inflict unnecessary pain on our children, working families, and seniors. By slashing investments in infrastructure, their budget rejects a proven path to grow our economy and create jobs. Instead, it advances the priorities of the wealthiest Americans—massive tax breaks for the top one percent and corporations, while adding to the tax burden of middle class families and destroying the social safety net. The Ryan-Republican budget is a recipe for American economic decline and increased pain for the vulnerable. It moves our nation backwards and gives up on the American dream, the idea that everyone has a fair shot at success. I strongly reject these misguided priorities and the Republicans' harmful vision for our Nation.

Instead, I am pleased to support the budget resolution offered by the Democrats. Our budget proposal prioritizes the needs of our seniors and middle class families. It strengthens the social safety net, protects Medicare, and preserves the Affordable Care Act to help ensure all Americans have access to affordable health coverage. The Democratic Alternative invests in the needs of our communities and will help create jobs by expanding tax incentives for low- and middle- class families. It makes critical investments in education to help make college more affordable and ensure that all students have the opportunity to succeed. And it rejects the reckless cuts caused by sequestration to non-defense spending starting next year, while maintaining the funding level requested by the President for defense. The Democratic Alternative is a vision for our country that will keep our communities and our economy strong into the future.

There were also good ideas put forward by the Congressional Progressive Caucus (CPC) and the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC). Both budget proposals would help support the needs of Minnesota families and keep America strong.

The bottom line is that the Ryan-Republican budget resolution increases the tax breaks for wealthy, abandons America's middle class, and punishes the poor. I came to Congress to move our Nation forward. I urge my colleagues to reject this backward vision put forward by Chairman RYAN and instead support the Democratic Alternative.

CONGRATULATING THE HONOREES
OF THE MID-MAINE CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE'S 51ST ANNUAL
AWARDS DINNER

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the honorees of the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce's 51st Annual Awards Dinner. The Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce serves the people and business communities of the region, working hard to strengthen economic opportunity throughout the area and the state.

Each year, the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce recognizes local businesses, business leaders, and individuals who promote and advance a vital and a healthy business environment. These individuals and businesses are committed to strengthening opportunity, prosperity, and community service in Maine.

The 2013 award winners are: John and Jackie Dalton, Distinguished Community Service Award; Bart Stevens of Century 21 Nason Realty, Elias A. Joseph Award; Shane Savage of Fairfield, Oakland, Unity, and Winslow Pharmacies, Business Person of the Year; Kennebec Behavioral Health, Business of the Year; Darlene Ratte of the Best Western Plus, Outstanding Professional; Maine Film Center, Community Service Project of the Year; Joshua Remy of the Town of Fairfield, Rising Star Award; and Doreen Brown of the Hampton Inn Waterville, Customer Service Stardom Award.

These recipients are among the best that Maine has to offer. Through their leadership and their incredible commitment to their communities and to the region, Maine is a better place in which to live and do business.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce and the award recipients on their outstanding service and achievements.

HONORING MR. WILLIAM
GRAHAME WILKIN III, ARTIST

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. William Grahame Wilkin III of Aurora, Illinois for his contributions to our nation's Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action. Mr. Wilkin is currently an art teacher at Aurora Christian High School, helping young men and women learn how to express themselves through art. However, in 1983 when he was a young art student at Glenbard South High School, Mr. Wilkin participated in an art contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

While his entry did not win the competition that day, it would go on to become an image we all recognize. His artwork reminds us of soldiers who were held captive and those whose deaths were never confirmed. His entry was a circle with the black silhouette of a man's face, a guard tower to the left with three supporting crosses, and barbed wire on the right.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Wilkin for his contribution to all of our veterans and their families.

PASSING OF HOLOCAUST
SURVIVOR LEO BRETHOLZ

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the extraordinary life of Leo Bretholz, a Holocaust survivor who passed away in his home on March 8, 2014, at the age of 93. Leo is survived by three children, Myron Bretholz of Phoenix, Md., Denise Harris of Ellicott City, Md., and Edie Norton of Herndon, Va.; a half-sister; and four grandchildren. He was married for 57 years to Florine Cohen, who passed away in 2009.

He was beloved by the Baltimore community who recognized him as a courageous and inspiring individual. He worked for many years as a salesman and later managed bookstores. When Leo retired, he spent his life visiting schools and speaking with people from many diverse backgrounds.

His work with schoolchildren and the positive impact he had on them was depicted in the documentary, "See You Soon Again," which preceded his memoir "Leap into Darkness: Seven Years on the Run in Wartime Europe" that he produced with journalist Michael Oleskor. Students described him as a "true inspiration" who "never stopped teaching or trying to make a difference in the lives of his students and friends."

Leo dedicated his life to fighting for justice for all victims of the Holocaust. One of Leo's great causes was the pursuit of reparations for U.S. Holocaust survivors from the Societe Nationale des Chemins de fer Francais (SNCF), the state-owned French railway.

Between March 1942 and August 1944, SNCF carried 76,000 people to Nazi camps, including Leo. But, out of the 1,000 people on the SNCF train car, Leo managed to be one of only five people who successfully escaped.

Leo frequently recounted the incredible story of his journey from Austria to France in this train car, when he and a friend forced open the bars of a cattle car to escape the Auschwitz-bound train. Ever since, Leo has been active in telling his story and fighting for justice through educating schoolchildren, lawmakers, and the general public.

Leo often gave the account of an elderly woman also on the train who told him, "If you get out, maybe you can tell the story. Who else will tell the story?" This encounter and his successful escape led him to speak out against unjust laws in his memoir that recounts his experience and successful escape.

In 2011, I testified with Leo in front of the United States House Foreign Relations Committee, about the need for long-overdue reparations for Holocaust survivors from SNCF.

I am proud and honored to have worked with Leo. He truly was a hero. It was his strong energetic force that has truly helped move forward the Holocaust Rail Justice Act, legislation that would provide reparations for hundreds of known survivors, veterans, and their family members living in the United

States today who for the past 10 years sought legal action to hold SNCF accountable.

As we remember Leo's life and legacy, it is important to continue his fight for justice. I will continue to work on this issue with the same vigor Leo had, to give Holocaust survivors a deserved day in court and finally hold SNCF accountable for its wartime injustices. Leo's passing is an unfortunate reminder that the number of Holocaust survivors left in the world continues to dwindle. His incredible story is an inspiration to me and anyone who hears it, and I know that his life and legacy will never be forgotten.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON
THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
2015

SPEECH OF

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H. Con. Res. 96) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024:

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Chair, the federal budget is about much more than just dollars and cents. It is a moral document that reflects our values and our vision for our nation's future.

Unfortunately the Republican budget before us is a reflection of misguided priorities and values.

Instead of creating jobs and opportunity for the middle class and those aspiring to realize the American dream the Republican budget recklessly and unfairly protects the super wealthy and special interests at the expense of everyone else.

The Republican budget ignores the significant importance of investing in education, job training, research, innovation, modern day infrastructure and advanced manufacturing. In doing so, it will foolishly cripple our country's economic growth and the future potential of hardworking Americans and their families to create and successfully compete for 21st century jobs.

The Republican plan also jeopardizes the wellbeing of our seniors by proposing to turn Medicare into a voucher system.

In my state of California alone, this disastrous Republican budget would raise health care costs for seniors by ending the Medicare guarantee and forcing 358,862 seniors to pay more for prescription drugs. It would ransack our nation's commitment to education and push 21,140 Californian children out of Head Start and deny Pell Grants to 51,350 low income California college students. The Republican budget would also force California to turn more than 488,000 people away from job training, employment and job search assistance.

And, according to the non partisan Congressional Budget Office, it would stall our nation's recovery by cutting economic growth by 2.5 percent in the year 2015.

I am proud to stand with my Democratic colleagues who have a different vision for Amer-

ica that responsibly reduces our deficit. Our vision respects the American people, gives them opportunity through the creation of good paying jobs that build and strengthens the middle class, protects the future and wellbeing of our children and insures we remain the greatest country in the world.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE
LIFE OF LOTTIE LAUTMAN SOL-
OMON

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary woman, Lottie Solomon, a talented, loving and brilliant woman who died at her home in Los Altos Hills, California, on April 6, 2014, at the age of eighty-eight.

Lottie was born in New York City on October 26, 1925, the only child of Sadie and Hyman Lautman. She attended public schools in New York City, graduated from James Monroe High School at sixteen, and from Brooklyn College at the age of twenty. She was an accomplished and highly regarded violinist who considered a career as a professional but instead earned a graduate degree and a teaching credential from Columbia University. She began her career as an elementary school and music teacher in New York City. In later years she earned a Masters degree in Healthcare Administration from The George Washington University.

In 1947, Lottie married Herbert Solomon, a statistician she met while both were studying at Columbia. They were married for fifty-seven years, until his death in 2004. Lottie and Herbert moved to California when Herbert became a Professor of Statistics at Stanford University. Before moving to Los Altos Hills, the couple and their three children, Naomi, Mark and Jed, lived on the Stanford campus for fifteen years.

Lottie was passionate about music and teaching, and played violin with the Peninsula Symphony and many quartets. She had a long career leading choral music, including founding and leading the Yiddish Choristers.

Lottie gave generously of her time and considerable talents as a member of the Santa Clara County Juvenile Justice Commission. She also was a valued participant and contributor to many Jewish organizations including Congregations Beth Am and Kol Emeth, the Jewish Community Federation, B'nai B'rith, Hadassah, ORT, the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, and Hillel at Stanford.

Lottie Solomon was a loving daughter, wife, mother and grandmother. She leaves her sons Mark and Jeb, their wives Carolyn and Leslie Colvin; and her four grandchildren, Jacob Solomon, Sara Solomon, Nathaniel Solomon and Daniel Solomon. She was preceded in death by her daughter Naomi Solomon, who perished on September 11, 2001 in the World Trade Center attacks.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire U.S House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to this extraordinary citizen and extending our most sincere condolences to her family. She will be missed greatly by those who had the privilege of knowing her and calling her their

friend. Lottie was one of the blessings in my life, as was her husband and their son Mark. Lottie strengthened our community in countless ways, bettering our country through her service to others and raising a family that carries on the great values she embodied.

MARGARET M. LADONIS

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Margaret M. Ladonis of Drums, Pennsylvania who is turning 100 years old on April 15, 2014.

Mrs. Ladonis was born on a farm in Dorchester County, Wisconsin on April 15, 1914. During World War II, she supported the war effort by manufacturing torpedoes in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She eventually moved to Berwick, Pennsylvania and opened Ladonis Appliance Store with her husband, Alex Ladonis, in 1946. Mrs. Ladonis assisted in the operation of this store for many years until retiring in 1978. Throughout her time in Pennsylvania, Margaret has been an active member of the local community, volunteering with Girl Scout and Cub Scout troops, St. Mary's Church, Berwick Hospital, and the Red Cross. She was also a member of the former Daughters of Isabella and the National Council of Catholic Women at St. Mary's. Today, she enjoys visiting with her four children and six grandchildren, reading, and solving jigsaw puzzles.

Mr. Speaker, as she turns 100, I wish Margaret Ladonis a happy and healthy birthday.

THE SAD CONNECTION BETWEEN
THE SUPREME COURT DECISION,
THE REMARKS OF NEVADA
RANCHER CLIVEN BUNDY, AND
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS OWNER
DONALD STERLING

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my disagreement with last week's Supreme Court decision and at the same time I wish to condemn in the strongest terms, the inappropriate comments by NBA owner Donald Sterling and Cliven Bundy, the Nevada rancher who owes the federal government more than \$1 million in grazing fees that he has not paid in 20 years.

America is a nation moving into a future and our diversity makes us better and stronger; and comments and attitudes like those expressed by Donald Sterling and Cliven Bundy have no place in our civic life and are a tragic illustration of why the Supreme Court reached the wrong decision at a most inopportune time in upholding Michigan's anti-affirmative action initiative.

With its decision in *Schuette v. Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action*, the Court has weakened the precedents that protected minorities from ballot initiatives that suppress minority civic participation.